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**Notice of Non-Compliant
Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

The amendment document filed on 04 March 2009 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☒ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
 - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
 - ☒ C. Other See Continuation Sheet.
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
 - ☐ B. Other _____.
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings:
- ☐ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 - ☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
 - ☐ C. Other _____.
- ☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
 - ☒ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
 - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
 - ☒ E. Other: See Continuation Sheet.
- ☐ 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4):

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714.

TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action. If any of above boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in:

Abandonment of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action; or

Non-entry of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

/Jeff Piziali/
Examiner, Art Unit 2629

Continuation of 1(c) Other:

The Applicant is thanked for the Amendment filed 4 March 2009. However, a non-compliant matter has been discovered in the aforementioned response, requiring attention before examination may continue.

37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(ii) requires, "The full text of any replacement paragraph with markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strikethrough cannot be easily perceived"

The Amendment filed 4 March 2009 improperly deletes text from the specification without using markings to show all the changes relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record (see the replacement paragraph "bridging pages 8 and 9" on page 3 of the Amendment filed 4 March 2009):

The original text, "arranged in in columns" (page 8, line 13 of the original specification) is improperly amended as follows: "arranged [[in]] columns" (see the replacement paragraph "bridging pages 8 and 9" on page 3 of the Amendment filed 4 March 2009).

The second "in" has been deleted without using any markings to indicate whether or not this deletion is intentional.

The Applicant is respectfully requested to use markings to show all the changes relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Continuation of 4(e) Other: 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) requires, "Amendments to a claim must be made by rewriting the entire claim with all changes (e.g., additions and deletions) as indicated in this subsection, except when the claim is being canceled. Each amendment document that includes a change to an existing claim, cancellation of an existing claim or addition of a new claim, must include a complete listing of all claims ever presented, including the text of all pending and withdrawn claims, in the application. The claim listing, including the text of the claims, in the amendment document will serve to replace all prior versions of the claims, in the application. In the claim listing, the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following identifiers in a parenthetical expression: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), and (Not entered)... If a withdrawn claim is currently amended, its status in the claim listing may be identified as 'withdrawn- currently amended.' "

1. The Amendment filed 4 March 2009 improperly neglects to provide a listing of non-elected claim 9 with the required status identifier (Withdrawn) or (Withdrawn-Currently Amended). See the 13 November 2008 Election.

Instead, non-elected and withdrawn claim 9 has the improper status identifier (Currently Amended).

The examiner respectfully notes: Non-elected claims must have the status identifier (Withdrawn) or (Withdrawn-Currently Amended).

2. The Amendment filed 4 March 2009 improperly deletes the text, "and second" from claim 11 (in line 2) without using strike-through to indicate whether this deletion is intentional.

/Jeff Piziali/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2629
12 May 2009